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Honoring America's best

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Today we honor the selfless contributions to our great nation made by service members of many generations. The words above the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery capture it well -- "Not for fame or reward, not for place or rank, not lured by ambition or goaded by necessity, but in simple obedience to duty as they understood it, they suffered all, sacrificed all, dared all and died." All of them are familiar to us, because we know something of what was in their hearts, something of their dreams -- they were all Americans who "gave their tomorrow for our today" to preserve the freedoms, opportunities and basic optimism that make America such a beacon of hope and inspiration for millions worldwide.

This Memorial Day finds our Army and nation engaged in the fourth year of the Global War on Terrorism, against an enemy that hates and fears the basic principles upon which America was founded: what we stand for, not what we do. This war is more personal than previous wars; our enemy does not represent a nation, only evil. They have killed thousands of

innocent men, women and children, and seek to destroy the free, democratic, pluralistic way of life we take for granted and substitute a lightless, religious-totalitarianism of their own design.

They will not succeed. Our military is helping write a new, hopeful chapter in human history in partnership with civilized forces from around the world. As President George W. Bush noted "It is our task; the task of this generation to respond to aggression and terror. We have no other choice. There is no other peace." As we gather on Memorial Day, over 350,000 service members remain deployed in over 120 countries around the globe, over half in the Middle East. A few weeks ago, I visited INSCOM Soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and in the Gulf -- they're performing magnificently under very tough conditions to control the violence and help decent, disadvantaged people live a better life. Joined by like-minded Coalition partners, especially our British and Australian allies, our Soldiers accomplish incredible tasks as a matter of routine. They accept the significant associated risks for the sake of fellow comrades-in-



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arms, their families, our nation and generations to come.

Today we pause to remember; we remember America's fallen heroes across the generations at Arlington and hundreds of small parks and cemeteries across the nation and overseas. These ceremonies are America's way of paying respect and saying "Thank You." Each memorial stone and simple limestone tablet reflects American values, a profound understanding that "Freedom isn't Free." At the Nolan Building, we're also surrounded by monuments, a grey granite memorial dedicated to fallen Army Security Agency Soldiers, lost during operations in Korea, Dominican

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Republic and Vietnam. Next to it sets a dark granite monument that commemorates the sacrifice of INSCOM Soldiers since that time -- losses from the Pan Am bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland and in operations in Colombia and Iraq. This year, we add three new names to the INSCOM monument; three of our best who made the ultimate sacrifice in support of combat operations in Iraq.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Christopher G. Nason was a great MI Soldier, leader and expert linguist who took on the toughest tasks without blinking to support joint and combined operations across Iraq. Nason was actually assigned to the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and School at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., but volunteered for duty in Iraq as part of INSCOM's forward team to ensure provision of critical linguist support. He performed his duties superbly. His buddies called him a "Soldier's Soldier," a term that holds special meaning within the Army family; reserved for our very best as a sign of deep respect and admiration. There is no higher compliment. Chief Nason was killed in a tragic vehicle accident in northern Iraq on Nov. 23, 2003. Chris made a profound, positive difference - we won't forget.

Sgt. Cari Ann Gasiewicz was a member of the 202nd MI Battalion, 513th MI Brigade. She was a brilliant, charismatic linguist and tough, no-nonsense professional Soldier; completely dedicated to her job and her "mates." Respected

and admired by subordinates, peers and seniors alike as an aggressive, positive, and highly competent leader. She "made intelligence happen" through sheer hard work and relentless drive under the toughest conditions. Cari Ann lost her life when the convoy she volunteered to be part of was attacked with two road-side bombs Dec. 4, 2004, the only fatality suffered by the battalion during its year long deployment in that high threat environment. She touched the lives of everyone who knew her. With unlimited potential for success in any career field -- she chose to be a Soldier. We couldn't be more proud of her.

Sgt. Maj. Robert Odell was a world-class communications leader and expert "operator" in the fullest sense. Deployed shortly after his arrival in INSCOM, he anchored key communications nodes in northern Iraq with absolute distinction. He was killed, along with a number of other Soldiers, during a suicide explosive attack in the main dining facility in Mosul on Dec. 21, 2004. He leaves behind a terrific wife and three beautiful children under the age of five. "Odie" ranked among the very best. He was proud of what he did; his legacy is the generation of Soldiers he coached and mentored forward for full success. We are proud to have had him among our ranks.

For over 220 years, our Army has served as the nation's shield against terror and tyranny. That proud, "no-

fail" tradition has been passed on from generation to generation with immense pride. The Soldiers and civilians in our ranks are more than meeting the standards set by their predecessors.

Today, we celebrate and honor the lives, contributions and sacrifices made by the men and women of our Army and Armed Forces throughout the years on our behalf. We will never forget them or their families; we will keep them in our hearts, thoughts and prayers; this day and every day.

Thinking of our recent and tragic losses, I want each of you to go that extra mile to keep safe, take care of each other and rededicate yourself to making the world a more stable, safer, better place in their memory.

Maj. Gen. John F. Kimmons

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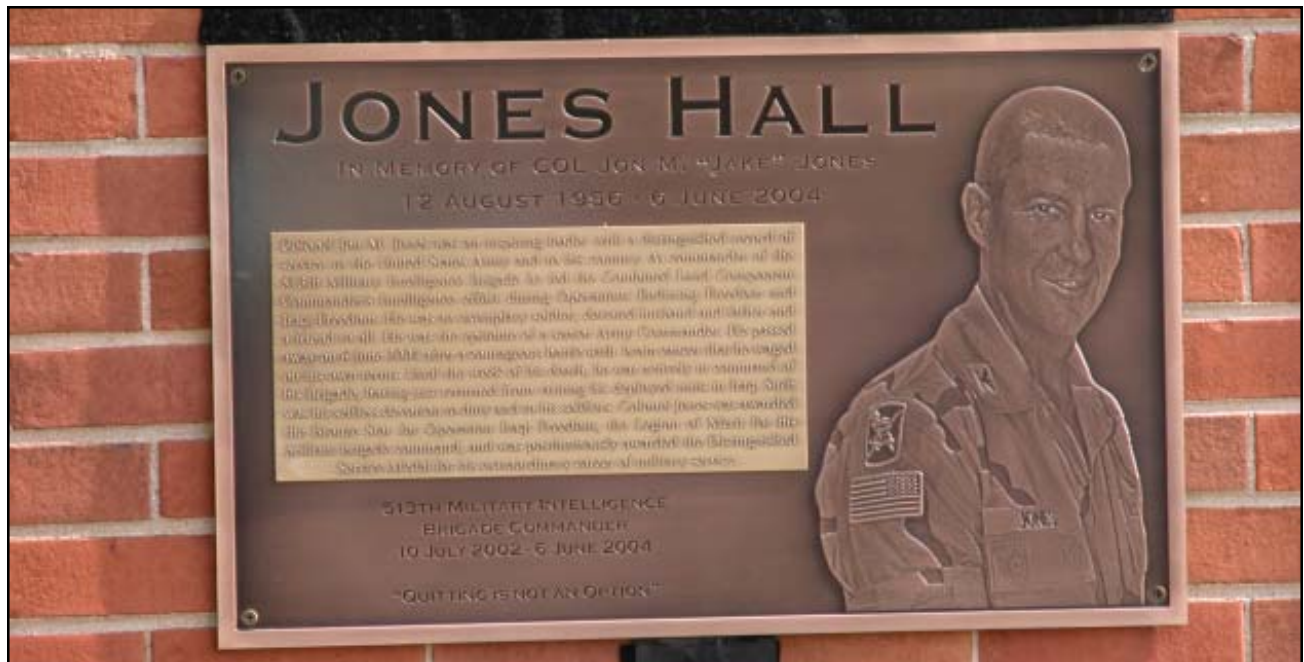


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The 513th MI Brigade renamed the headquarters building after former commander Col. Jon "Jake" Jones.

513th pays tribute to Jones

by Jeremy Craig
Augusta Chronicle

The late Col. Jon "Jake" Jones probably would have been a tad uncomfortable about ceremonies in his memory at Fort Gordon May 12.

The former commander of the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade wasn't one to make a fuss, and even a week before his death, he continued to work as normally as he could despite his battle with brain cancer.

"He knew where he was going on this journey," said Maj. Gen. Jeff Kimmons, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command.

"And he was determined to play it out on his own terms."

The 513th's headquarters was renamed Jones Hall in Jones' memory at the ceremony.

The Quincy, Calif., native died June 6, 2004 - the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of World War II - still in command of the 513th MI Brigade, awaiting change of command ceremonies for the brigade that summer.

His tenure at the 513th MI Brigade started in 2002. His unit's Soldiers served in Afghanistan and in Iraq, performing intelligence duties, and received many awards.

"Col. Jones was an inspiration to all of us," said Col. David King, the current commander of the brigade, "and the dedication of this headquarters in his honor is a fitting token of respect for him."

Also in attendance at the ceremony were Col. Jones' wife of 23 years, Cynthia, and two children, Nicholas and

Marlena, who helped unveil the bronze plaque with their father's likeness engraved.

"He was just an amazing man," Cynthia said. "And that was an understatement."

"I didn't realize this until after he died," she said.

"Twenty-three years of marriage, and he never complained. Ever."

Kimmons said that even toward the end of Jones' life, the colonel's main priority was not himself.

"I could tell he was drifting. And he knew it, too," Kimmons said. "But our conversation was as per usual. It was all about his soldiers, not him."

"Real leaders worry about their people first," he said.

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Kimmons visits C4ISR conference

Maj. Gen. John F. Kimmons, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command was one of the guest speakers at the fourth-annual C4ISR Integration Conference in Arlington, Va., May 17. "The key to defeating global terrorism is not just collecting intelligence, but leveraging that intelligence to the fullest," said Kimmons, as he spoke to audience of military and defense community members.

Komen: race for a cure

The Komen National Race for the Cure returns to the streets of Washington, D.C., June 4, and for the sixth year the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command Federal Women's Program committee invites INSCOM personnel, their families, and friends, to participate as a team.

Teams play an important role in the annual five-kilometer run/walk race. Last year, teams accounted for more than half of

the over 52,000 registered participants. It is through support such as this that the foundation was able to distribute over \$2.4 million in grants for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs.

Registration is available online at: www.nationalraceforthe cure.org. Those wanting to participate on the INSCOM team should select 'join an existing team.'

Type in U.S. Army INSCOM and click search.

For those individuals wanting to help make a difference, but who aren't up for walking or running five kilometers, pledges and donations can be made via the Web site.

Participants may also obtain a registration form from Anne Bilgihan (703-428-4479) or Karen Kovach (703-706-1638). Registration for the event is \$30.

Recommended BRAC list released

WASHINGTON -- The Defense Department has recommended closing 33 major bases and realigning 29 others as part of a comprehensive reshaping of the military infrastructure through the base realignment and closure process.

Michael Wynne, defense undersecretary for acquisition, technology and logistics, announced Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's closure and realignment recommendations at a Pentagon news conference May 13.

If adopted, the recommendations would give DoD a net savings of almost \$50 billion over 20 years, officials said. Annual savings are pegged at \$5.5 billion a year after that.

Fourteen major Army bases are recommended for closure, including Forts Gillem and McPherson in Atlanta; Fort Monroe, Va.; Fort Monmouth, N.J.; and the Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant and Red River Army Depot in Texas.

Nine major Navy bases will close, including Submarine Base, New London, Conn.; Willow Grove Naval Air Station, Pa.; Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Maine; Naval Station Pascagoula, Miss.; and Naval Air Station Atlanta.

Ten major Air Force installations are closing, including Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.; Onizuka Air Force Station, Calif.; Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.; Otis Air National Guard Base, Mass.; and Brooks City

Base, Texas.

DoD defines major realignments as installations losing at least 400 people. The five major Army realignments are Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington; the Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.; Fort Knox, Ky.; and Fort Eustis, Va.; and the Army Reserve Personnel Center in St. Louis.

Eleven Navy realignments include Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill.; Naval Station San Diego; and naval air stations in Brunswick, Maine, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Pensacola, Fla. The Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow, Calif., also will realign, as will the naval medical centers in Portsmouth, Va., and San Diego.

Ten major Air Force realignments include Eielson and Elmendorf Air Force bases, both in Alaska; Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; Lackland and Sheppard Air Force bases, Texas.

DoD agencies in leased spaces throughout the National Capital Area and Defense Finance and Accounting Service offices in Cleveland and in Arlington, Va., face major realignment actions as well.

Forty-nine installations are gaining more than 400 personnel. The Army made provision for units reassigned from Europe and the Pacific. The major gainers in the Army are Fort Belvoir, Va.; Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Benning, Ga.; and Fort Bragg,



N.C.

The installations themselves are only part of the story. This BRAC process had seven joint cross-service groups to examine common business processes in education and training; headquarters and support; technical; industrial; supply and storage; intelligence; and medical.

Wynne said services working together was key to creating military value, and military value was the most important consideration as the BRAC process progressed.

"These joint cross-service groups were key to making this jointness a reality in this process," Wynne said. "They each were chaired by a senior executive or flag officer, with representation from each of the military services, from the Joint Staff and from the relevant defense agencies involved."

More than half of the future annual savings \$2.9 billion of the estimated \$5.5 billion is generated from the joint cross-service groups, officials said.